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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Before DELORES LOWE, *Review Team Paralegal*  
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 1, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

**EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF**

A Reply Brief was filed on May 18, 2009, in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed March 17, 2009.

Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §41.43 states:

(a)(1)... the primary examiner must acknowledge receipt and entry of the reply brief. In addition, the primary examiner may withdraw the final rejection and reopen prosecution or may furnish a supplemental examiner's answer responding to any new issue raised in the reply brief.

The Communication mailed May 29, 2009, was an improper acknowledgment of the Reply Brief, as it constitutes a Supplemental Examiner's Answer as per MPEP§ 1208, part II. A Supplemental Examiner's Answers requires a Director or designees approval.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) vacate the Communication mailed May 29, 2009;
- 2) generate and mail either:
  - a) a revised Communication properly acknowledging to the Reply Brief dated May 18, 2009 in accordance with MPEP§ 1208, part II.;  
OR
  - b) issue a Supplemental Examiner's Answer with the required signature (Technology Center Director or designee), if appropriate; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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